

Maryland Horse Industry Board – 2014 Grantees

Applicant – Grantee	Project Title	Use of Grant Funding	County	Amount
Maryland 4-H Horse Program	<i>Maryland 4-H Horse Program Website and Annual Triple Crown Event</i>	Grant funds will be used to improve the website and provide essential information to 4-H youth and volunteers. It will also be used to keep the registration costs low, yet offer a high quality 4-H Horse Contest Weekend.	Prince George's	\$3,000
Maryland Horse Council	<i>Composting of Horse Manure, Public/Private Partnerships Feasibility Study: Market Assessment Phase</i>	Grant funds will be used to survey companies and entities that haul and receive horse manure to determine if composters and haulers are interested in a regional composting facility and to identify market-based constraints. This survey is part of a larger feasibility study on regional composting facilities for horse manure with the goal of providing low- or no-cost alternatives to farmers for manure disposal, while reducing nutrient run-off into the Chesapeake Bay.	Howard	\$3,000
The Great Frederick Fair	<i>Portable Equine Tack Room Exhibit</i>	Grant funds will be used to purchase a wooden portable display building. The exhibit will educate the fair goers about types of tack and equipment as well as provide a venue for non-profits to promote 're-homing' of horses. Funds will also be used for exhibit identification and signage.	Frederick	\$2,000
The Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc.	<i>Multi-Use Trail Improvement Project for West Friendship Park</i>	Grant funds will be used to improve and develop West Friendship Park's trail system. This will include clearing new trails, landscaping and excavating, adding signage, improving water crossings, providing mounting blocks, and updating the GPS maps of the trail system.	Howard	\$2,000
Maryland Agricultural Resource Council (MARC)	<i>Equine Trail Master Plan Development at Baltimore County Agriculture Center</i>	Grant funds will be used to develop a master trails plan that will facilitate the use of the property in Baltimore County by horse owners. The plan includes mapping, surface options, erosion control options, and a plan to integrate cooperative use of the trails by horses and pedestrians.	Baltimore County	\$2,000

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Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program	<i>Workshop for Therapeutic Riding Instructors to earn their Registered Instructor's Certification</i>	Grant funds will be used to help three instructors become certified, allowing them to teach without the presence of a certified instructor. Funds will also help offer a Registered Instructors Workshop with minimum instructor fees.	Cecil	\$1,500
Kiddy-Up, LLC	<i>Kiddy Up with Horses- Youth Empowerment Program</i>	Grant funds will be used to cover costs and offer ten, free half-day, school horsemanship sessions for disadvantaged youth. Kiddy-Up provides educational and empowering opportunities connecting youth to horses.	Prince George's	\$1,500
Maryland Combined Training Association/ MCTA Horse Trials, Inc.	<i>MCTA Horse Trials at Shawan Downs</i>	Grant funds will be used to improve the design and implement a multi-level cross country course, minimizing impact on land. The design will be an aesthetically pleasing course for a property in the Maryland Land Trust that complements the completed steeplechase track on the land. A portion will be used to publicize the event.	Baltimore County	\$1,500
Stable Options, LLC	<i>Women Facing Change: An Eight Week Assisted Learning Group for Homeless Women in Harford County</i>	Grant funds will be used to provide an eight week, equine-assisted learning group to residents of Anna's House, a transitional home for homeless women and children in Harford County.	Harford	\$1,500
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCCPC)	<i>Relocation of PETS Therapeutic Riding paddock/turnout</i>	Grant funds will be used to offset costs of materials needed to establish a new turnout. In partnership with Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic Services(PETS), M-NCCPC provides free therapeutic riding for Prince George's County residents with disabilities. The area that has been used for PETS horses' turnout is in the floodway of the Western Branch Stream and must be cleared of all obstructions.	Prince George's	\$1,000

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Retired Racehorse Training Project, Ltd.	<i>Retired Racehorse Training Project Service Directory</i>	Grant funds will be used to pay a portion of the printing costs associated with RRTP's Service Directory, which will include sources for horses, trainers, race tracks, rescue and placement organizations, and educational resources to serve as a bridge between owners of retiring Thoroughbred racehorses and potential buyers. It will also include basic "how to" articles for both sellers and buyers.	Anne Arundel	\$1,000
University of Maryland, Dr. Amy Burk, Associate Professor	<i>Enhancing the Undergraduate Equine Science Experience to Better Prepare Future Leaders of the Horse Industry</i>	Grant funds will be used to help maintain the new breeding program which educates students about broodmare and foal care, creates new interest in the equine studies program, provides hands-on skills for students, and spurs interest by the public in the Maryland horse breeding and racing industry.	Prince George's	\$1,000
University of Maryland	<i>Publication of Equine Disposal Guide for Maryland Equine Owners</i>	Grant funds will be used to develop and print an <i>Equine Disposal Guide for Maryland Horse Owners</i> . The booklet will list disposal limitations and guidelines per county and be distributed statewide.	Prince George's	\$1,000
Star Community, Inc.	<i>Horses for Heroes</i>	Grant funds will be used to help compensate equine staff for about 39 hours of program time. The Horses for Heroes program helps wounded warriors heal physically and emotionally.	Washington	\$859
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc. (MTR)	<i>Maryland Therapeutic Riding</i>	Grant funds will be used for instructor education and training that allows MTR to maintain its high level of rider safety, increase its program capacity through educating and certifying additional instructors, and increase its level of competency through enhanced training skills. Funding will help obtain the materials required for training and educating 12-15 instructors.	Anne Arundel	\$825

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Howard Soil Conservation District	<i>Howard Soil Conservation District Equine Seminar and Pasture Walks</i>	Grant funds will be used to advertise and facilitate one equine seminar and two pasture walks for horse owners in Howard County and surrounding areas. The district's goals are to educate horse owners, particularly those with small acreage, to better manage their land and natural resources.	Howard	\$800
Circle of Hope Therapeutic Riding Inc.	<i>Therapy Horse Equipment and Feed Project</i>	Grant funds will be used to buy Limpet saddle pads that provide comfort and functionality for five therapy horses, thereby helping to ensure the best possible outcome during therapy sessions.	Montgomery	\$600
Mid-Atlantic Equitation Festival (MAEF)	<i>Maryland Practical Horsemanship Endowment</i>	Grant funds will be used to create an endowment that will fund new testing and education programs available to Mid-Atlantic equestrians. Funds will be used for the creation, verification, trial, and grading of a test with written and practical sections.	Prince George's	\$600
Desire Ministries, Inc.	<i>Equine Assisted Learning Bully Prevention & Intervention Program</i>	Grant funds will be used to purchase the curriculum and materials needed to facilitate an eight week, equine-assisted learning course that focuses on bully prevention and intervention.	Prince George's	\$516
Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc.	<i>Days End Farm Horse Rescue Legacy Program</i>	Grant funds will be used to purchase a microscope and a stethoscope for the rescue's Legacy Program, which provides a structured, active learning experience throughout the summer for 12-17 year olds.	Howard	\$500
Freedom Hill Horse Rescue	<i>Groundwork Equipment and Training Program for Volunteers Working with Rescue Horses</i>	Grant funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost of educational materials and training equipment for the all-volunteer team that is responsible for the direct daily care and ongoing training of horses at FHHR.	Calvert	\$500
Great and Small	<i>Helmet Replacement</i>	Grant funds will be used to provide new helmets for children and adults with special needs who participate in equine-assisted activities and therapies at Great and Small.	Montgomery	\$500

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Maryland Horse Council	<i>Maryland Horse Council Online County Forums</i>	Grant funds will be used to pay Mythic Landing Enterprises to expand the content and increase public awareness of the online county forums the organization created in 2013.	Howard	\$500
Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series	<i>Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series</i>	Grant funds will be used to help advertise and promote the Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series, which was formed in collaboration with local Thoroughbred advocates and horse shows to provide a friendly and educational venue for showing off track Thoroughbreds.	Harford	\$500
Mount Airy Saddle Pals	<i>Trail Incident Safety and Trailing Safety Clinic for Equestrians</i>	Grant funds will be used to pay for materials required to host a Trail Ride Incident Safety and Trailing Your Horse Safely educational clinic for Maryland equestrians.	Montgomery	\$450
Tuckahoe Pony Club	<i>TPC Educational Program</i>	Grant funds will be used for unmounted education, which will consist of Horse Management Camp with a local veterinarian. Funds will provide each participant with a medical kit.	Queen Anne's & Kent	\$400
Enchanted Haven Horse Rescue	<i>Round Up</i>	Grant funds would be used to provide students with discounted "Round Up" sessions. Rescue horses participate in equine-assisted learning therapeutic activities for children who have been separated from their parents. Lessons focus on choices, attitude, honesty, courage, sportsmanship, integrity, and celebration.	Caroline	\$250
Maryland Equestrian Club (MEC)	<i>Spring Educational Project</i>	Grant funds will be used to purchase materials associated with Maryland Day activities. The MEC is a nonprofit organization entirely run by student volunteers. Students learn English riding, teaching, training, horse care, and barn management.	Prince George's	\$200